

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
Ninth Central States Forest Tree Improvement Conference

Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
October 10, 1974

The business meeting was called together by Chairman R. Brooks Polk at 4:30 p.m. with attendance as listed in this Proceedings.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Vice-Chairman Calvin F. Bey presented several proposed changes in the By-Laws as drafted by the Executive Committee. The existing By-Laws were approved October 17, 1968 and published in the Proceedings of the Sixth Central States Forest Tree Improvement Conference. The proposed changes were as follows:

- A. Article 1 and article 5: delete "Conference" and substitute "Committee".
- B. Article 4: add "and shall be responsible for arranging meetings and planning the program."
- C. Article 4: delete the section concerning duties of the Secretary, and substitute "The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the minutes of the meeting, handle accounts, update mailing lists, and act as business manager."
- D. Article 4: delete "living" in the last paragraph and substitute "actively working."

In a discussion of the proposed By-Laws changes, objection was raised to a change in name to make the organization a "committee" instead of a "conference." Sande McNabb stated that some people are able to obtain travel funds to attend "conferences" but not "committee meetings." Joe Jokela supported this viewpoint on grounds that we are too large a group to be called a committee. On the other hand, some members of the Executive Committee, which proposed the change, felt that we have, in fact, always used the term "committee" and that we have a biennial "conference", thus eliminating any travel funding problem. Brooks Polk felt that it is confusing to call the organization a "conference." Howard Kriebel said that we are a continuing organization with subcommittees, not only meeting biennially, and better fit the "committee" designation.

No action was taken on the proposed amendments because Article 9 requires that such proposals be submitted to the Secretary in writing not less than 3 months before a meeting. The proposed changes will therefore be published with the minutes in the Proceedings of the Conference and considered in the business meeting at the 10th Conference.

Richard Cunningham made a motion that a new Seed Certification Subcommittee be established. The old Seed Certification Subcommittee has been inactive for several years. Cunningham felt that there is now a need in the region for such a subcommittee to consider tree seed certification standards and regulations and to promote their adoption by the states. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. The Subcommittee members will be appointed by the new Chairman.

The Nominating Committee (Jokela, Chairman; Kriebel; Read), previously appointed by the Chairman, presented a slate of officers which was adopted by unanimous vote of the membership. These officers and their terms of office are listed elsewhere in this Proceedings.

The members accepted the invitation of Walter Beineke to hold the Tenth Conference at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1976.

The membership adopted an expression of appreciation of the successful efforts of Sande McNabb and his associates in carrying through the local arrangements for the Conference.

Howard B. Kriebel, Acting Secretary